

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of December 8, 2006. In that interview, the pending claims and the outstanding rejections were discussed. Applicants have amended the claims herein as proposed during the interview. Support for the claim amendments can be found at, e.g., paragraph 65 and original claim 14.

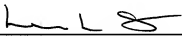
Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Date: January 5, 2007

By: 
Lauren L. Stevens
Reg. No. 36,619

Tel: (650) 849-6614
Email: lauren.stevens@finnegan.com